

Cable and phone companies are out to dominate Internet access and I am strongly opposed to their petition to FCC. Verizon has our phone service and used to fix poor switches and line problems when my dial-up ISP service to my rural home had problems. Now, Verizon when hearing my complaint about the condition of the line say, "We only have to provide adequate service for voice messages over the phone."

We and millions of others would not have Internet access were it not for independent investments to provide ISP in our rural areas. We have a very good and concerned ISP. It would be terrible for them to loose their business and suffer loss of capital. No other service even had local phone numbers and tolls had to be paid for ISP connections. I know, I used to use AT&T's ISP before a local, independent company started in Brownwood TX, some 30 miles away.